



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2020-01585

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Dangerous Driving Offences in Northern Ireland

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1) (a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

How many drivers in total were convicted of the reckless/dangerous driving offence (DD40) in your force area for the date ranges:

- a) 1 March – 31 May 2020
- c) 1 June – August 2020 (to date)
- d) 1 June – 31 August 2019

Answer 1

In response to request 1, please see table below.

	Number of persons convicted	Number of convictions
1 March – 31 May 2020	21	21
1 June – 31 Aug 2020	26	27
1 June – 31 Aug 2019	103	106

The above figures are derived from convictions reported to PSNI by NI Courts Service where the result date lies within the requested time frames and the convicted offence was one of the following:

- CAUSING DEATH BY DANGEROUS DRIVING
- CAUSING GRIEVOUS BODILY INJURY BY DANGEROUS DRIVING
- DANGEROUS DRIVING

Information relating to convictions & prosecutions is provided by NI Courts Service and the Public Prosecution Service to PSNI for information purposes only and may not be wholly accurate. For accurate figures the relevant information should be sought from either NI Courts or PPS directly.

This information is based on data extracted from a live crime recording system and may be subject to change. It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to

identify those records that are relevant.

It should also be noted the Niche Technical team is not involved in checking reliability and validity of any data input onto Niche and cannot protect the data against any input errors which may have influenced these figures.

Please note this response was generated using the NI equivalent codes for Dangerous Driving offences. These are listed in the table below.

AA4104002	AIDING AND ABETTING CAUSING DEATH BY DANGEROUS DRIVING
AA5008200	AIDING AND ABETTING CAUSING GRIEVOUS BODILY INJURY BY DANGEROUS DRIVING
AA5008201	AIDING AND ABETTING DANGEROUS DRIVING
AT4104002	ATTEMPTING TO CAUSE DEATH BY DANGEROUS DRIVING
SB4104002	CAUSING DEATH BY DANGEROUS DRIVING
SB5008200	CAUSING GRIEVOUS BODILY INJURY BY DANGEROUS DRIVING
SB5008201	DANGEROUS DRIVING

Request 2

How many drivers in total were given a fixed penalty notice for speeding in your force area for the date ranges:

- a) 1 March – 31 May 2020
- c) 1 June – August 2020 (to date)
- d) 1 June – 31 August 2019

Answer 2

In response to request 2, please see excel spreadsheet attached labelled 'Q2 Fixed Penalty Notices for Speeding in Northern Ireland).

Request 3

Note: please could you share the total number of convictions for each date range specified

Answer 3

In response to request 3, please see figures below which provide the total number of convictions for speeding for each date range specified.

- 1st March 2020 – 31st May 2020: **66**
- 1st June 2020 – 31st August 2020: **44**
- 1st June 2019 – 31st August 2019: **160**

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If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Corporate Information Branch, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.